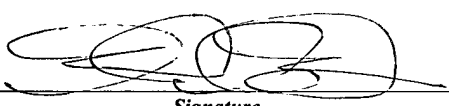


<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>02410282US</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Keisuke Ban, et al.</b>					
Serial No. <b>09/852,267</b>	Filing Date <b>May 10, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>Kuang Y. Lin</b>		Group Art Unit <b>1725</b>	
Invention: <b>METHOD OF CASTING AND CASTING MACHINE</b>					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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TOTAL CLAIMS	22 -	20 =	2 x	\$18.00	\$36.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	3 =	2 x	\$86.00	\$172.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$208.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$208.00</b> to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>23-1951</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.					
 Signature			Dated: <b>December 10, 2003</b>		
<b>Andrew M. Calderon</b> Reg. no. 38,093  <b>McGuireWoods LLP</b> 1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1800 McLean, VA 22102 (703)712-5000			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">         I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.   <div style="text-align: center;">Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>HAND DELIVERED</b></div> <div style="text-align: center;">Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div> </div>		
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003, a petition for a two month extension of time being attached hereto, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicants believe that a two month extension of time is required and accompanying fee, in addition to a fee for a net addition of two independent claims. . Applicants attach a check in the amount of \$420.00 for an extension of two months and a check in the amount of \$208.00 for the net addition of two claims over twenty and two independent claims. Applicants believe that no further extensions of time are required at this time. However, if further extensions of time or fees for additional claims are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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